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PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Alan Balkany

Application No.: 09/541,631

Filed: 04/04/2000

For: HIERARCHICAL METHOD FOR STORING DATA WITH IMPROVED COMPRESSION

Group No.: 2172

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is a small entity. A statement was already filed.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL	8 - 20	= 0	x \$ 25.00	=	\$ 0.00		
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM			+ \$ 0.00	=	\$ 0.00		
			TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		\$ 0.00		

No additional fee for claims is required.

FEE DEFICIENCY

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Application No: 09/541,631

Application Filed: 2000 Apr 4

Applicant: Alan Balkany

Title: Hierarchical Method for Storing Data with Improved Compression

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Response to Final Office Action

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In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 30, 2004, please consider the following remarks.